

Dunes, Dome and Desserts

(Chesterton, Michigan City and South Bend)

Day One

Start your day near Chesterton at Dunes Nature Preserve located in Indiana Dunes State Park. Take a guided tour through the preserve. Learn how dunes are formed and what makes this landscape so unique to Indiana.



Enjoy the beauty and splendor of the International Friendship Gardens. Began in 1934 at the Chicago World's Fair, this collection of flora is representative of gardens from around the world.

Then shop the day away at Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets. Enjoy this upscale outlet mall featuring more than 120 shops. Special savings are available for groups of 20 or more.

Try your hand at the slots and tables at the Blue Chip Casino & Hotel. Offering gaming 24 hours a day.

Day Two



Begin in South Bend at the University of Notre Dame, home of the world famous Fighting Irish. Tours offer a historical overview of campus life and include highlights such as Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the "Golden Dome," and "Touchdown Jesus".

Visit the South Bend Chocolate Company Factory and Museum. Take the "Inside Scoop" tour of the museum and see one of the world's largest chocolate collections. You'll also get a taste or two!

Enjoy lunch at Tippecanoe Place. Originally, the Studebaker family mansion, this historic home now offers a fine dining experience. A truly South Bend landmark!

Want to know the history of the Northern Indiana region? Then start your journey at the Northern Indiana Center for History. Then check out the Studebaker National Museum next door. The museum houses the company's heritage collection from wagons to automobiles.

If you're a college football fan you don't want to miss this...the College Football Hall of Fame. Designed to put you in the middle of it all, you'll see the sport from every angle of a game...be the player, the coach, the spectator, and the broadcaster all at once.

For additional attraction, restaurant and lodging information –
Porter County Convention, Recreation & Visitor Commission
LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau
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